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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

C.S.C, Special Branch Service,

REPORT

Date September 18, 1938.

Subject (in full) Observation duty aboard the s.s. "Empress of Japan" on arrival of the late Mr. Singloh Hsu.

Made by D.S. Hocking Forwarded by Inspector E. Gandy

The undersigned, accompanied by C.D.S. 156 and C.D.C.s 107 and 357, met the s.s. "Empress of Japan" at the Hongkew and Shanghai Wharf when the vessel docked at 8 a.m. on September 18, 1938. Observation was carried out in No.4 hold over the coffin containing the body of the late Mr. Singloh Hsu until 8.40 a.m. when the coffin was taken over by Mr. Horton of the International Funeral Directors and transferred to the tender "Victoria". Two foreign members of the River Police were in attendance on the trip to the Customs Jetty where a Municipal Police escort under S.I. Fernandez awaited the tender's arrival at 9 a.m.

No untoward incident took place.

Hocking

D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

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CHINA PRESS.

SEP 18 1938

Singlo h Hsu's Body Is Due To Reach Here Today

The body of Mr. Singlo h Hsu, late Shanghai banker, is arriving in Shanghai this morning on the Empress of Japan, which is due here at about 6 o'clock.

Members of Mr. Hsu's family, who are now in Shanghai, have arranged for transferring the coffin from the ship to a lighter as soon as the Empress boat docks.

Information regarding plans for Mr. Hsu's funeral was not available last night. A private memorial meeting was held here by members of Mr. Hsu's family and his close friends sometime ago.

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Hongkong, "Nippo" Says Plane Raided To Capture Sun Fo

(Reuters' Agency)

LONDON, Aug. 30.—Today's Morning Post publishes what purports to be a translation of an extract from the Hongkong Nippo of August 24, which, in view of denials from Tokyo, makes interesting reading.

The Nippo's headlines are quoted as follows:

"Sun Fo Escapes. Surprise Raid on Passenger Plane by Our Naval Airplanes."

The extract itself states, among other things, that "it was expected that Mr. Sun Fo would leave Hongkong aboard a C.N.A.C. plane in the morning, and shortly after leaving Hongkong, our naval planes chased the C.N.A.C. machine with the intention of surrounding it.

"Our wild eagles intended to capture Mr. Sun Fo alive."

The extract goes on to enumerate further developments which are now well-known.

DR
30/8

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TRANSLATION

The radiogram "160025" has come to hand. In accordance
with your instructions, the Tai Woo Insurance Company was
immediately notified of the matter. However, during a
previous interview with Mr. Parson of the Company, he stated
that any untoward incident involving staff employees and
passengers of the Passage Liner "Kweiling," or damage done
to the machine as the result of its being attacked, is beyond
the usual sphere of insurance on the ground that such case
arises out of accident. Unless it is insured against war
risk, there is no likelihood that the company would grant
compensation.

As we have now decided to reserve all rights for
demanding payment of compensation, I respectfully suggest
that a radiogram be despatched immediately to the Company
giving all details in English and that strong representations
made direct with the concern in question.

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RADIOGRAM

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To M D Copy She Hkg Liang Cng Rush

'160025" 7193 寶 2417 故 1885 6690 遵 0613 申 0271 備
 0428 画 6639 通 4249 知 3141 未 0735 和 0202 保 7145 险
 0361 公 0674 3 1919 惟 5120 賦 0467 前 5113 用 6:15 该
 0361 公 0674 3 Pearson 0689 后 7240 面 4468 舒 7070 同
 2456 於 2710 桂 2651 林 5714 该 2894 3 5926 被 6002 裝
 0057 李 5120 戰 0765 負 0042 乘 1356 事 4583 等 1412 件
 0171 木 1172 多 2654 采 4099 附 3932 生 0008 1,1630 幸
 0057 事 0115 件 2057 戰 6115 该 2894 3 2275 損 3014 故
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1120外 7236北 0202保 2589有 0365兵 7145险 1412将
 0171来 6341賠 0326債 0001-1461魯 1858恐 7181殺
 1172如 7349顧 3807現 2053我 2455方 2478既 2948款
 0686向 6115該 0361公 0674司 6008要 3061來 0202保
 3966留 6341賠 0326債 0001-0434切 2275損 1136失
 0037之 2938權 5074者 2017趣 6153涉 6643速 0613印
 3938用 5391英 2429文 1412將 6116詳 1906情 6635追
 7193在 6115該 0361公 0674司 0917廠 0056印 0074支
 3195步 2508是 0694否 2589有 3981在 0047立 6337路
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Special Branch - Sl. Station,
REPORT

Date August 26, 1938.

Subject..... CNAC Aeroplane No. 32, "Kweilin" - Forced Down and Machine-gunned by Japanese pursuit craft near Canton on August 24.

Made by..... D.S. Pitts.

Forwarded by.....

In regard to the forcing down and subsequent machine-gunning of a CNAC 'plane by Japanese pursuit craft in the vicinity of Canton on August 24, 1938, I forward herewith cablegrams sent and received by the local representative of the CNAC, in respect to this tragedy. Enclosure (1) clearly states that the damaged plane is completely under the water and that twelve passengers, one co-pilot and the steward - fourteen persons in all - are missing.

According to enclosure (2) the plane was forced down at Changkibien in the Chungshan district of Canton at 8.38 a.m. August 24 whilst flying from Hongkong on a northbound trip.

Further details are at present unavailable from the local representative.



D. S.

D.C. (Special Branch).

Commr
Sir
Information
H.R. Robertson
D.A.T.M.

S. B. R.
28/8

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YOH SHAI RUSH

NOTIFY MESSRS REISS BRADLEY PL 32 KWELIN COMPLETEDLY SUNK
12 PSGRS I COPILOT AND STEWARD MISSING LETTERS FOLLOW

M D HKG 160025

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ADVISE REISS BRADLEY THAT OUR DOUGLAS NR 32 WAS FORCED TO LAND AT
CHANGKIBIEN IN CHUNGSHAN DISTRICT OF CANTON THIS MORNING ABOUT
0830 AFTER TAKING OFF FROM HONGKONG ON NORTH BOUND TRIP STOP FURTHER
DETAILS FOLLOW

LIANG CKG 195024

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YOH SHAI RUSH

PL 32 KWEILIN FORCED TO LAND BY X PLANES THIS MORNING AT 838 AMCREW AND
PSGR SAFE STOP REPORT MATTER TO INSURANCE CO

SHE HKG 124024

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中國航空公司
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FORM 214

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RADIOGRAM

(去紙 SENT)

To: She Hangtong

Please advise if captain C C Lien was on plane No. 32 yesterday stop
Is he safe stop awaiting yr reply

Yeh Shai

144024

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By

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RADIOGRAM

(去報 SENT)

致 *To* She Hongkong

Please advise who was the steward on pl No. 32 yesterday

Yeh Shai

152025

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YEH SHAI

RE YOUR 144025 AND 152025 E STOP C C LIU WAS COPILOT 32 PL AND
MISSING STOP STEWARD C H WOO

SHE HKG 164525

170526LC AUG

中國航空公司
氣象報告

WEATHER REPORT
(來報 RECEIVED)

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致 To:- YOH SHAI (REXX) YOUNG (X) HONGKONG

RE YOUR 134525 STP NO

HO HKG 161825

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RADIOGRAM

(去報 SENT)

To: Ho Hongkong

Please advise if Dr. Sellett was on plane No. 32 yesterday

Yoh Shai

134525

發報時間
Sent at

收報員
By

發報人
Signature

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To Yoh Shai

Re your 095025 Stp C.N. Lou or Loh Yee.

FORM 202A

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中國航空公司
氣象報告

WEATHER REPORT
(來報 RECEIVED)

致 To:- YOH SHAI

RE YOUR 095025 STP C N LOU OR 7120 2034

陸 豐

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SHE HKG 153525

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RADIOGRAM

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To She Hongkong

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Please advise if passenger Mr. Ye Lou is one of the passengers among Plane 32

Yoh Shai

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RADIOGRAM

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0086人 2894 條 1597 113 0702 美 1102 ± 0644 及
 5012 署 2507 16 2494 13 4583 等 0005 ± 0086 人
 0228 倖 0346 克 2456 條 7181 等 4496 完 4544 克
 1172 43 0149 13 6153 请 6643 快 7193 完 4355 完

Yoh shai 101025

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By

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TRANSLATION

The radiogram "124024" has been noted, and
the Insurance Company has been informed of the matter.
This Company states that as it arises out of an
accident, the matter is beyond the sphere of insurance.

Local foreign and Chinese newspapers of to-day's
issue, however, published stories with conspicuous
headings on the subject, stating that over ten persons
in the Passage Liner "Kweiling" were killed, only a
Mr. Lur among the passengers, Pilot Mr. Woods and
another Loo Tsao-ming, altogether three persons,
escaping. Please immediately notify us by radiogram
all details.

August 25, 1938.

Afternoon Translation.

Ta Mei Pao (Canton telegram) and other local newspapers :-

C.N.A.C. PLANE ATTACKED BY JAPANESE AEROPLANES

At 9 a.m. August 24, when the plane "Kweilin" (桂林) of the China National Aviation Corporation, a Sino-American concern, carrying 13 passengers and piloted by an American named Woods, was on its way from Hongkong to Chungking, Szechuan Province, it was attacked by five Japanese aeroplanes over the sea near Canton. The plane was struck by many bullets and made a forced landing in the sea. After dropping several bombs, the Japanese planes left.

The American pilot, a radio operator and a wounded passenger named Ler (黎) were saved, but all the other passengers were wounded and perished in the sea. Two of the survivors have reached the city of Chung San (中山) and entered a hospital for treatment.

Planes of the China National Aviation Corporation have very clear distinguishing marks and all foreign nations were notified. The atrocious attack will probably draw a protest from America and the world.

Efforts are being made to salvage the plane and the remains of the lost passengers.

Information secured from a certain large Chinese bank in Shanghai shows that Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan of the National Government, had originally intended to travel by this plane, but later he took another plane. Mr. Singloh Hsu (徐斯六), General Manager of the National Commercial Bank, Shanghai, and a member of the S.M.C., and Mr. Hu Pei-kong (胡佩江), Manager of the Bank of Communications, Shanghai, were on the ill-fated plane and their fate is unknown.

Mr. Singloh Hsu, age 49, native of Chekiang, is a graduate of Birmingham University, England, and of Victoria University, Manchester. After teaching in Peking University, he became a secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the National Government and a member of the Chinese Delegation to the Paris Peace Conference. At present, Mr. Hsu is General Manager of the National Commercial Bank and a Director of the Tai San (泰山) Insurance Company, the China Steel Company, the China Development Finance Corporation, the Sz Hai (浙海) Insurance Company, the "China Press", the Bank of Communications, the China Development Bank, the Chapei Water and Electricity Company and of many other concerns in Shanghai. He is one of the Chinese members of the S.M.C.

Mr. Hu Pei-kong, age 58, a native of Kiangsu, is Manager of the Bank of Communications, Managing-Director of the China & South Sea Bank, Director of the Bank of China, the China Development Finance Corporation, the China State Bank, and other banks. He is a member of the Finance Advisory Committee of the National Government.

Mrs. Singloh Hsu, living in Great Western Road became very anxious upon learning of the disaster which befell the plane "Kweilin". She at once sent a telegram to Canton and Hankow to enquire about her husband, but up to 1 a.m. August 25, no reply had been received.